

News Group Cancels Hearing on Panax

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NEW YORK (AP) — The National News Council has canceled a hearing on allegations that a newspaper chain ordered its editors to print stories critical of President Carter and dismissed two dissenting editors. The chain refused to participate in the hearing.

Panax Newspapers notified the council, a self-styled news watchdog organization, that it would not participate in the scheduled Aug. 16 hearing until the council withdrew earlier criticism of the incident.

According to charges, Publisher John McGoff ordered editors in the Michigan-based chain to display on the front page stories by the Panax New York bureau chief critical of Carter. Two editors charged that they were fired for refusing the directive.

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